Figure 1: Primitive Operations and Notation. identity id:x = xerror  $err:x = \bot$ selectors si  $s3: \langle x_1, ..., x_n \rangle = x_3$ isnull:x = true iffempty test  $x = \langle \rangle$ tail  $tl: < x_1, ..., x_n >$  $= \langle x_2, ..., x_n \rangle$ append to left al:  $\langle x, \langle y_1, ..., y_n \rangle \rangle$  $= < x, y_1, ..., y_n >$  $^{\sim}$ x:y = x (y \neq 1 in FP.) constant construction  $[f_1, ..., f_n]:x$  $= < f_1:x, ..., f_n:x >$ composition  $(f \circ g): x = f:(g:x)$ conditional  $(p \rightarrow f; g):x =$  $f:x ext{ if } p:x = true$ g:x if p:x = false1 otherwise apply to all  $\alpha$ : **f**:  $\langle x_1, ..., x_n \rangle$  $= < f:x_1, ..., f:x_n >$ cat:  $<< x_1... > , < ... x_n >>$ catenate  $= \langle x_1, ..., x_n \rangle$ infix cat  $f ++ g = cat \circ [f, g]$